

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**Frank MAYER et al**

Examiner: VOGEL, NANCY S

Serial No.: 10/520,145

Group Art Unit: 1636

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Title: **BACTERIAL CELL DIGESTION**

**ELECTION AND AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 14, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.